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2014 Louisiana Envirothon held at LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens

BATON ROUGE – The 2014 Louisiana Envirothon was held at the Botanic Gardens of the LSU AgCenter. Eight teams from around the state participated in the environmental problem-solving competition for students in grades 6 -12. Teams trained and competed by demonstrating their knowledge of environmental science and natural resource management. The competition focuses on five natural resource areas: soils and land use, aquatic resources, forestry, wildlife, and a current environmental issue. The 2014 current environmental issue was Sustainable Local Agriculture/Locally Grown. Teams also presented a solution to an environmental problem related to the current issue through an oral presentation.

The winning teams were: Baton Rouge Magnet High School-Alpha, first place, Louisiana School for Math, Science Arts-Blue, second place and third place, Baton Rouge Magnet High School-Gamma. All three teams together received cash and prizes totaling over \$1500.

The participating teams were Acadiana High School, Lafayette; Baton Rouge Magnet High School-Alpha, Baton Rouge-; Baton Rouge Magnet High School-Gamma, Baton Rouge; Live Oak High School, Denham Springs; Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts-Blue, Natchitoches; Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts-Gold, Natchitoches; and Simsboro High School, Simsboro.

The highest score winners for each station were: Aquatics: Baton Rouge Magnet High School-Gamma; Forestry: Baton Rouge Magnet High School-Alpha; Soils: Baton Rouge Magnet High School-Gamma; Wildlife: Baton Rouge Magnet High School-Alpha; Current Issue-Sustainable Local Agriculture: Baton Rouge Magnet High School-Alpha & Beta; and Orals: Simsboro High School.

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